

Public Notice – Environmental Project

PURPOSE OF NOTICE:

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed project in Prince William County and Fairfax County, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

August 3, 2017 to September 1, 2017

TYPE OF RESPONSE:

Federal Consistency Certification

DEQ is reviewing a federal action to determine if it is consistent with the Virginia Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program established pursuant to the U.S. Coastal Zone Management Act. The Virginia CZM Program seeks to protect the quality of air, water or other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The proposed project is an initiative from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), in coordination with the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT), to upgrade Interstate-66 outside the Interstate-495 Beltway corridor. FAM Construction, LLC is the applicant for the project, which is located in Prince William County and Fairfax County along a 22.5-mile section of the I-66 corridor. The project area includes the interstate, crossroads, interchange areas and park-and-ride lots. Improvements associated with the project include construction of the following:

- Two express lanes alongside three general purpose lanes in each direction, including reserved space in the median from I-495 to just west of Virginia Route 28 for future separate guideway transit;
- Two new park-and-ride lots (one at University Boulevard and one at Balls Ford Road) and one expanded parking lot (at Fairfax County Government Center);
- Corridor-wide bike and pedestrian improvements; and
- Interchange improvements to enhance safety and reduce congestion, including auxiliary lanes between interchanges.

Wetlands and streams are proposed to be impacted by the proposed project. FAM Construction, LLC is working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to implement a phased approach to the U.S. Clean Water Act Section 401/404 permitting of five individual areas of the project:

- Manassas (Balls Ford Road) Park-and-Ride
- Gainesville (University Boulevard) Park-and-Ride
- I-66 and VA 28 Interchange Improvements
- Fairfax County Government Center Park-and-Ride
- I-66 Main Corridor Improvements

According to the FCC, the project is consistent with the enforceable policies of the Virginia CZM Program.

HOW TO COMMENT:

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project documents at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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